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**Via ECF**

Hon. Jed S. Rakoff  
United States District Court  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, N.Y. 10007

Re: Duravest v. Viscardi  
Docket No. 07-Civ-10590(JSR)

Honorable Sir:

This office represents Plaintiff Duravest, Inc. in the above captioned matter.

In order to accomplish service of process upon Defendant Viscardi, A.G., in the Federal Republic of Germany pursuant to the Hague Convention provisions regarding service, we submit the attached proposed Order Appointing International Process Server. We have utilized the services of the proposed appointee in the past, and have found them to be competent and knowledgeable in abiding by the Hague Convention requirements.

No defendant has yet appeared in this action. We respectfully await the Court's guidance with respect to our request.

Very truly yours,

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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DURAVEST, INC.

Plaintiff,  
-against-

**ORDER APPOINTING  
INTERNATIONAL PROCESS  
SERVER**

VISCARDI, AG; WOLLMUTH MAHER & DEUTSCH, LLP; DOCKET NO.: 07-Civ-10590 (JR)  
MASON H. DRAKE, ESQ., BRUCE O'DONNELL, CPA,  
BRUCE O'DONNELL, CPA/PFS, P.A., BIOMEDICAL  
CONSULTANT SL, RICHARD MARKOLL, and  
ERNESTINE BINDER MARKOLL,  
Defendants.

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Pursuant to Chapter 1, Article 3 of the Convention on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters developed at the Tenth Session of the Hague Conference on Private International Law on 15 November, 1965 (the "Hague Convention"), and for good cause shown, the Court hereby appoints Crowe Foreign Services, 1020 SW Taylor Street, Suite 240, Portland, Oregon, 97205, and its agents, as the authority and judicial officer competent under the Jurisdiction of this Court to forward to the Central Authority in the applicable country, any and all documents to be served in this case.

IT IS SO ORDERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

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